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SUBJ: ELEVENTH REPORT OF US DEL TO ICAO ASSEMBLY, MONTREAL, OCTOBER 9

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVED ITS REPORT ON ITEM 21, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING TWO RESOLUTIONS. US PRESENTED CORRIGENDUM TO WP/83 READING AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE

THE ASSEMBLY, NOTING THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE REGIONAL BODIES FORESEE THE POSSIBILITY OF INFORMING ICAO, ITS COUNCIL AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES ABOUT THEIR ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS OF INVITING INTERESTED CONTRACTING STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BODY IN QUESTION TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN ITS MEETINGS; RECOGNIZES THE USEFULNESS OF THESE PROVISIONS AND INVITES REGIONAL CIVIL AVIATION BODIES TO GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF INVITING ICAO CONTRACTING STATES NOT MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL BODY IN QUESTION TO PARTICIPATE AS OBSERVERS IN ITS MEETINGS UNQUOTE

RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED WITHOUT OBJECTION, WITH ARGENTINA, GRATULATING US FOR PRODUCING SUCCESSFUL TEXT. REPORT ON ITEM 39, MUTUAL ASSISTANCE AMONG CONTRACTING STATES IN THE FIELD OF INVESTIGATION OF MAJOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS, APPROVED WITH MINOR UNCLASSIFIED

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CHANGES; ALSO REPORT ON ITEM 17, RESOLUTIONS OF THE UN CONCERNING

INVITATIONS TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES.

- 2. CONTINUING IN CLOSED MEETING, COMMITTEE HEARD UGANDA INTRODUCE WP/94, WHICH WOULD INSTRUCT COUNCIL TO OPEN AN ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN EASTERN AFRICA DURING PERIOD 1975-77 TO SERVE STATES IN THE REGION IN ALL MATTERS AS PER PRESENT ICAO REGIONAL OFFICES. EAST AFRICAN CO-SPONSORS SUPPORTED AS DID SUDAN, JAMAICA AND ETHIOPIA. US SAID IT WAS WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS. BUT RECOMMENDED COUNCIL STUDY MATTER. US PREPARED PRESENT SPECIFIC PROPOSAL TO ASSEMBLY IF THERE WAS SUPPORT. UK SUPPORTED. SWEDEN SUGGESTED DOLS 100,000 PER YEAR BE ADDED TO BUDGET FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL AT DAKAR AND CAIRO OFFICES PLUS TRAVEL FUNDS, PENDING DECISION ON ADDITIONAL REGIONAL OFFICE. SENEGAL AND EGYPT CONCERNED LEST NEW OFFICE RESULT IN WEAKENING OF DAKAR AND CAIRO OFFICES. POLAND TOOK POSITION SIMILAR TO US. AT END OF MEETING US MADE FOLLOWING PROPOSAL, WHICH IT CIRCULATED AS WORKING PAPER SAME DAY: QUOTE THE ASSEMBLY, HAVING IN MIND THE NEED FOR AN ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE IN EASTERN AFRICA, INSTRUCTS THE COUNCIL -(A) TO ANALYZE THOROUGHLY THE PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH AN OFFICE TO SERVE THE STATES IN THE REGION, (B) TO CONSIDER THE FUNCTIONS OF THE CAIRO, PARIS AND DAKAR OFFICES HAVING REGARD TO THE FORMATION OF AN EASTERN AFRICA OFFICE, AND (C) TO CONSULT STATES IN THE REGION REGARDING THE FORMATION OF SUCH AN OFFICE UNQUOTE
- 3. ECONOMIC COMMISSION CONCLUDED ITS WORK AFTER APPROVING WITH MINOR CHANGES ITS REPORTS ON ITEMS 7, 25, 26 AND 29 AND GENERAL PART. SECRETARIAT ESTIMATED POSSIBLE AIR TRANSPORT CONFERENCE WOULD COST DOLS 20,000 FOR TWO- WEEK MEETING IN MONTREAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENT TARIFF CLAUSE STUDY WOULD COST DOLS 8,000. US STRESSED REQUIREMENT THAT ALL COMMISSION RESOLUTIONS INVOLVING NEW EXPENDITURES MUST BE EXAMINED BY ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION BEFORE THEY CAN BE ADOPTED BY ASSEMBLY. VENEZUELA, SUPPORTED BY SPAIN AND BRAZIL, ALSO WANTED BUDGETARY APPROVAL FOR ADDITION OF AIR TRANSPORT OFFICER IN LIMA OFFICE IN 1975 INSTEAD OF 1976. SECTY/ECON COMM WILL INFORM SECTY/
- 4. TECHNICAL COMMISSION APPROVED ITS REPORT ON ITEM 23 UNCLASSIFIED

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(TECHNICAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSOLIDATED OR TO BE DECLARED NO LONGER IN FORCE), AND COMPLETED DISCUSSION ON ITEM 21 (SELECTION OF APPLICABILITY DATES FOR AMENDMENTS TO ANNEXES AND PANS). COMMISSION AGREED TO ESTABLISHMENT IN THE FUTURE OF TWO COMMON APPLICABILITY DATES FOR ANNEX AND PANS AMENDMENTS INSTEAD OF ONE AS IS NOW THE CASE. THE TWO COMMON APPLICABILITY DATES IN A CALENDAR YEAR WOULD BE SPACED APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS APART AS SUGGESTED BY THE US. DIS-

CUSSION WAS ALSO COMPLETED ON ITEM 42 (SICKLE CELL ANEMIA) WITH THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION OUTLINING THE PROBLEM. AT THE REQUEST OF SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, US OUTLINED ITS LICENSING PRACTICES CONCERNING SICKLE CELL CLARIFYING SOME MISUNDERSTANDING ON THE SUBJECT. ACTIONS TAKEN ON ITEMS 21, 23 AND 42 WERE IN FULL ACCORD WITH US POSITION.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION APPROVED TEXT OF ITS REPORTS ON ASSESSMENT TO GENERAL FUND FOR 1975, 1976 AND 1977 (ITEM 35.3), WHICH REDUCES US ASSESSMENT TO 25 PERCENT; FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS IN ARREARS (ITEM 32); REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES, APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS AND EXAMINATION OF AUDIT REPORTS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEARS 1971, 1972 AND 1973 (ITEM 33); SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES FOR 1974 (ITEM 32); AND RELEVANT PARTS OF ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE COUNCIL TO THE ASSEMBLY FOR 1971, 1972 AND 1973 (ITEM 7). BUDGET WORKING GROUP COMPLETED EXAMINATION OF BUDGET ESTIMATES.

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